

WAYNESVILLE

NEWSLETTER

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INFILTRATION VS. INFLOW

The Town of Waynesville Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement project is underway, on budget, and on schedule. But how does infiltration and inflow affect the capacity of the treatment plant? Infiltration is when groundwater seeps into sewer pipes, and eventually to the treatment plant. Inflow results when stormwater quickly



flows into the sewer system via foundation drains, storm drains, or manhole covers. Inflow and infiltration most often occurs because of aging infrastructure that needs to be upgraded or replaced. The reason that extra water in the sewer system can be a problem is because it takes up space in the sewer pipes, and increased volume in the pipes means more water in the plant that needs to be treated. The increased volume could even potentially overflow into local waterways. ARPA funds have been used to

replace over 10,000 feet of the century old, clay sewer system under the streets of Waynesville, but as Waynesville grows, and it becomes difficult to keep up with repairs, the capacity of the the wastewater treatment plant itself must be increased. The project will cost an estimated \$25 million, which is being both funded by grant money and a state funded, interest-free loan. The plant improvements are expected to be completed by early 2025.

BRING YOUR TAX BILL ALONG!

To provide the most excellent service possible, the Finance Department recommends that customers bring their tax bill along when they come to 280 Georgia Avenue to pay their bill. By bringing a copy of the tax bill, customers will experience a shorter wait time because their account will be easier to look up. Thank you for helping us to better serve you!

NEW PARKING LOT NEAR SOUTH MAIN STREET

One thing that makes Waynesville wonderful is the magic of Main Street. An incredible variety of locally owned shops and restaurants line the streets. The adorable downtown area is also a community gathering place for special events, art gallery showcasing, and holiday décor and celebrations. All of these wonderful offerings draw a large crowd, both residents and tourists. While many visitors are good for business, this means parking can be tough to find.

The Waynesville community recognized the need for additional parking on the south end of Main Street. Mayor Caldwell contacted Reece Family Properties LLC. to obtain a parking lot on the corner of Church and Haywood Streets. This parking area is convenient to the restaurants and shops on Church and Miller Streets, as well as Main Street. The parking lot offers 22 spaces, all which are free to the public.

In addition to new parking spaces, the Town has installed two electric vehicle chargers, free for public use. One is located at the Waynesville Recreation Center, and the other, a fast charger, is located on Montgomery Street.



LEAF SEASON-DOS AND DON'TS OF LEAF LITTER PICK UP

The Sanitation Department uses a vacuum leaf collection process each fall to collect un-bagged leaves. Leaves are collected following the same routes used for garbage collection. Vacuum leaf collection operations are undertaken in the fall from mid-October to mid-January each year. Read below the DOs and DON'Ts of leaf litter pick-up.

DON'T: Bag your leaves. The Sanitation crew uses a truck equipped with a vacuum that sucks leaf material up.

DO: Rake leaves to the street prior to the advertised date for the sanitation crew to be in your neighborhood.

DON'T: Call to request that your leaves be collected out of order.

DO: Be careful not to block sidewalks, fire hydrants, drainage inlets, gutters, or parking spaces.

DON'T: Blow leaves or grass clippings into the street, sidewalks, storm drains, or drainage ditches.

Not only can leaves and grass clippings create slippery conditions for pedestrians and motorists, it can also clog storm drains and cause street flooding.

DO: Cover vehicles or move them off the street during leaf collection if leaf dust is a concern on vehicle surfaces.

DON'T: Don't mix tree limbs, branches or any other debris in with the leaves.

Residents can always call the Town Clerk at 828-452-2491 with any questions or concerns.



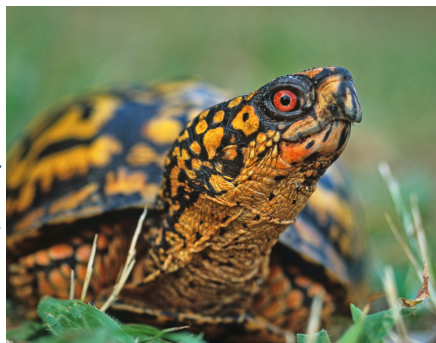
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE STAFF VOLUNTEER FOR DAY OF CARING

The week of September 18th, Town of Waynesville staff members volunteered during the annual Day of Caring event. This annual volunteer event encourages neighbors to help neighbors who may not have the means to help themselves. Town staff helped with a landscaping project at the ARC of Haywood, constructed a wheelchair ramp and removed debris from a private residence.

LEAF IT BE!

While leaf season can be beautiful, it can also be messy! Starting in mid-October, Waynesville residents will begrudgingly begin raking leaves. But raking does not have to be a necessary chore! There are many benefits to leaving leaves where they lay. Lawns and wildlife alike benefit from leaf litter.

The native eastern box turtle goes through brumation (like hibernation for reptiles) during the colder months, and they do so in piles of leaves. Many pollinator species such as bumble bees and butterflies also use leaves for protection during winter time. And while they may not be the most attractive lawn decoration, the dead leaves of winter create a natural mulch that prevent weeds from growing and fertilize the soil as they decompose, helping to create an even more beautiful lawn in the spring. The next time you don't feel like raking, do your lawn, yourself, and wildlife a favor, and take a break instead.



WAYNESVILLE EVENTS

OCTOBER 21ST

Named one of the "10 Best Fall Harvest Festivals in the Nation", the Apple Harvest Festival takes place on Main Street and showcases premier arts and crafts. This event showcases local vendors and celebrates all things apple. Admission is free and the event runs 10 AM-5 PM.

NOVEMBER 3RD & DECEMBER 1ST

Enjoy an after hours art gallery stroll on Main Street, Art After Dark. This summer series occurs on the first Friday of every month, May through December, 6-9pm. Artists will have their galleries open to the public to enjoy.

OCTOBER 31ST

Treats on the Street is a delightful Halloween celebration in Downtown Waynesville. Bring your little ones in costumes for safe trick-or-treating at local businesses. Lots of fun entertainment for the whole family. Dress up the whole family and see if you can win our popular costume contest! The event will take place on Main Street, 5-7pm.

For more information on these events, please visit www.downtownwaynesville.com/events

TOWN COUNCIL CELEBRATES MANY SUCCESSES

Town Council has been hard at work to serve the public, improve quality of life, and maintain and beautify public spaces. Here are some of the things Town Council has been working on:

- Creation of an Environmental Sustainability Board
- Completed several stream restoration projects
- Wastewater Treatment Plant improvement project is underway
- Attracted 228 low-to-moderate income dwellings to Waynesville
- over 10,000ft of sewer line replacement
- Increased and diversified staffing
- New playground constructed, dog park renovation, and improvements to Obama-King Park
- Purchase of new fire engine

To learn more about the initiatives Town Council has been working on, please scan the QR code.

